

3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein a recognition of and a conversion between the active state and the standby state are carried out by recognizing a state of [the second] each board.

21. (Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the other information is one of update information and a [S/W] software change.

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 3, and 21 are amended.

Prompt examination and allowance in due course are respectfully solicited.

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